

REMARKS

The above amendments are submitted in response to the Office Action of July 14, 2004, for which reconsideration is requested.

In the Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and objected to claims 6-12, but also indicated claim 6-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Rejected claims 1-5 and 13 have been canceled, without prejudice, and claims 6-12 have been rewritten as suggested by the Examiner.

This communication generates new claim fees in the amount of \$300.00, and a petition to extend the time to respond until December 14, 2004 is being submitted herewith. A check in the amount of \$525.00 is enclosed to cover the associated fees, and the Office is also hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with this communication or the petition to Deposit Account 04-1420.

The application is now in allowable form, and the formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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